GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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MAINTENANCE OF CHAR MINAR
ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY;CHARAN DAS MAHANT;SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of large cracks sighted in `the Char Minar` an historical landmark of Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by ASI to repair and maintain the historical Char Minar and other monuments in the country?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAG MOHAN)

(a), (b) & (c) The Charminar, a historical landmark of Hyderabad, has developed some minor cracks in the lime plaster and stucco work on the interior and exterior surfaces of the walls due to ageing & vibrations caused by heavy vehicular traffic. The Archaeological Survey of India has taken conservation measures such as grouting, sealing and fixing the affected portions.

There is no major threat to the fabric of the monument at present.